

Academic Advising at Hamilton

Academic advising is one of the many ways in which students engage with faculty members on an individual basis. Advisors and advisees work together to craft a unique, individual academic plan based upon each student's strengths, weaknesses and goals. Hamilton College views the advising relationship as an on-going conversation that transcends mere course selection by assisting students as they explore the breadth of the liberal arts curriculum, experience college life, focus on a major concentration and prepare for life after Hamilton.

Students are responsible for:

- making their own decisions based upon their best judgment and informed by the best information and advice available to them
- arranging advising appointments
- preparing for advising meetings
- seeking out contacts and information related to planning their academic program
- understanding degree and program requirements

Faculty Members are responsible for:

- proactively engaging advisees in the academic planning process
- monitoring the academic progress of their advisees
- making appropriate referrals to other campus offices
- communicating clearly to their advisees the regular times during which they are available for consultation

The College is responsible for:

- assuring that there are clear policies, procedures and resources to support the advising process
- assisting faculty members to develop effective advising skills
- providing appropriate recognition for the role that faculty members play in the academic advising system
- conducting ongoing assessment of the advising program



Hamilton